

## New Hampshire's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan



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## Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wildlife depleted



- Market hunting
- No harvest regulations

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- Unregulated timber harvesting for profit and agriculture

## Wildlife Restoration

### Funded through:

- Federal tax on equipment (Pittman–Robertson Act)
- Hunting license fees

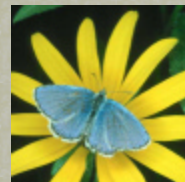


## Wildlife Restoration



## Species At-Risk

- 1,254 federally-listed species
- 35 state-listed species



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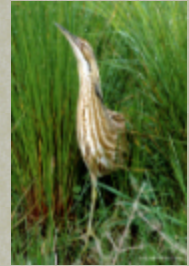


- 35% of amphibians
- 67% freshwater mussels

## Species At-Risk



Under  
consideration for  
federal listing



–50%

## Funding for At-Risk Species



- \$180,000/yr
- Private donations
- State matching funds
- Conservation license plate

## Conserv. & Reinvest. Act CARA

- T& E Species Recovery - \$50 million
- Wildlife Conserv. & Restor. Fund - \$350 million



## Conserv. & Reinvest. Act CARA

**\$400 mill/yr for 15 years  
GUARANTEED!**



## Conserv. & Reinvest. Act CARA

**3,000+ conservation,  
civic, and business  
organizations**



## Conserv. & Reinvest. Act

106th Congress



**House = 315-102**

**Senate = no vote**

## Conserv. & Reinvest. Act CARA

Why no Action?

- Dedicated funding
- Reduced federal budget
- Homeland security

## State Wildlife Grants

Alternative to CARA

- FY01 = \$50 million
- FY02 = \$85 million
- FY03 = \$65 million
- FY04 = \$75 million?

## New Hampshire's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan



## Comprehensive Plan Distribution & Abundance



Wood turtle can  
currently be  
found...



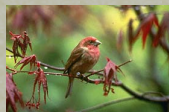
## Comprehensive Plan Location & Condition

Wood turtle  
habitat is  
currently  
located...

*Hypothetical  
Map*



## The New Hampshire Important Bird Area Program



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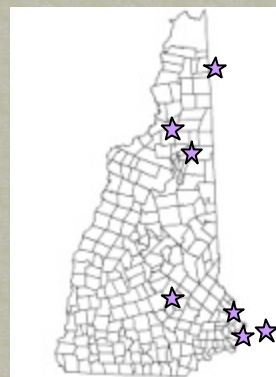
- identifies areas of critical habitat
- promotes bird conservation

### Partnership among:



7 IBAs including:

Great Bay &  
Hampton-Seabrook  
Estuaries



### Benefits of an IBA:

**Catalyst for long-term habitat conservation**

- 1) Land conservation
- 2) Working with landowners

**Long-term monitoring**

**Public interest and awareness for bird & habitat conservation.**

### Comprehensive Plan Potential Habitat

**Potential  
wood turtle  
habitat  
includes...**



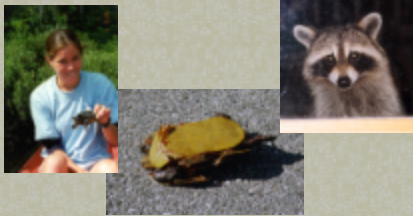
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## Comprehensive Plan

### Potential Threats

Wood turtle pops are being threatened by....



## Comprehensive Plan

### Conservation actions

To conserve wood turtles we recommend....

- Conserving key habitats
  - land conservation
  - outreach to landowners
- Educating the public to deter collection
- Improve development planning

